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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/48/821/Add.3)]

48/240. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 797 (1992) of 16 December 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Mozambique, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council renewed the mandate of the Operation in Mozambique, the latest of which was resolution 916 (1994) of 5 May 1994,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 898 (1994) of 23 February 1994, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a police component as an integral part of the Operation in Mozambique,

Recalling its resolutions 47/224 A and B of 16 March 1993, 47/224 C of 14 September 1993 and 48/240 A of 24 March 1994 and its decisions 48/473 A of

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* Consequently, resolution 48/240 of 24 March 1994 becomes resolution 48/240 A.

1/ A/48/849/Add.1.

2/ A/48/956.

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23 December 1993 and 48/473 B of 9 March 1994 on the financing of the Operation in Mozambique,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Operation in Mozambique are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Operation in Mozambique, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation in Mozambique with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Mozambique as at 30 June 1994, including the contributions outstanding by one hundred and sixty-four Member States in the amount of 153,218,820 United States dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the deteriorating financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities due to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Expresses deep concern about the adverse effect that the deteriorating financial situation has on reimbursement to troop contributors, placing an additional burden on these countries and putting at risk the continuing supply of troops to the Operation in Mozambique and, consequently, the effective implementation of its mandate;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation in Mozambique is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in Mozambique promptly and in full;

7. Affirms that, among other factors, the failure of Member States to pay their assessed contributions promptly and in full has damaged and continues to damage the ability of the Operation in Mozambique to implement its activities effectively and threatens to leave the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique with insufficient liquid funds to meet its liabilities, in particular to the troop-contributing countries;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to explore all possibilities in order to ensure prompt reimbursement to troop-contributing countries;

9. Decides that all assets of the Operation in Mozambique, financial as well as non-financial, should be used for meeting the liabilities of the Operation with due priority given to reimbursing troop-contributing countries;

10. Decides also, without it constituting a precedent, that all assets of the Operation in Mozambique to be redeployed to other peace-keeping operations or other United Nations bodies, should be transferred only after their value has been determined and provision has been made in the budgets of the receiving operations to reimburse the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique, this liability to be met expeditiously upon the receipt of funds;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, in the context of the revised cost estimates related to the liquidation of the Operation in Mozambique, on the disposal of the assets and liabilities of the Operation so as to enable appropriate decisions to be taken by the General Assembly;

12. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Mozambique a total amount of 165,300,000 dollars gross (162,192,100 dollars net) for the Operation in Mozambique for the period from 1 May to 15 November 1994, inclusive;

13. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the additional amount of 111,500,000 dollars gross (109,319,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 May to 15 November 1994, taking into account the amount of 53,800,000 dollars gross (52,873,000 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/240 A, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and Assembly decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

14. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 2,180,900 dollars for the period from 1 May to 15 November 1994 approved for the Operation in Mozambique and to be administered in accordance with the relevant financial rules;

15. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments of up to 25 million dollars, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee,

for the liquidation of the Operation in Mozambique in the period 16 November 1994 to 31 January 1995;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, one month before the expiration of the current mandate period, revised cost estimates related to the liquidation of the Operation in Mozambique, which is scheduled to start on 16 November 1994, on the basis of the most up-to-date detailed performance report possible on the mission for the period from 1 November 1993;

17. Invites voluntary contributions to the Operation in Mozambique in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

18. Requests:

(a) The Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the Operation in Mozambique are administered under the authority of his Special Representative in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy and in accordance with the relevant mandate, and to include information on the arrangements made in this regard in his report on the financing of the Operation;

(b) The Board of Auditors to examine, to the extent possible, contractual arrangements entered into by the United Nations for official and residential premises required for the Operation, with a view to making recommendations, if possible, for containing costs associated with such contractual arrangements in other United Nations peace-keeping operations.

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